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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON AF/W DIRECTOR
REF: STATE 66105

1. SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR COULBARY CALLED ON AF/W DIRECTOR
MARCH 13 FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF CURRENT RELATIONS. COUNTRY
OFFICER ATTENDED.

2. WE INFORMED COULBARY THERE WAS AN EXCELLENT CHANCE THAT
MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR
COULD BE ARRANGED DURING SENGHOR'S FORTHCOMING PRIVATE
VISIT TO U.S. COULBARY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION, AND AGREED
TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AF/W TO WORK ON TIMING AND
DETAILS.

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3. NOTING PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S PLANS TO ATTEND MONROVIA
MEETING ON RECONCILIATION OF REPUBLIC OF GUINEA WITH ITS
NEIGHBORS, WE EMPHASIZED USG BELIEF THAT IT IS IMPORTANT
FOR WEST AFRICA AND FOR AFRICA AS A WHOLE THAT GUINEA
"RETURN TO THE FOLD." COULBARY UNDERSTOOD AND SHARED OUR
INTEREST. HE SAID HE WAS SURE SENEGAL WOULD MAKE A SINCERE

EFFORT TO WORK OUT RECONCILIATION, BUT NOTED PAST DISAPPOINTMENTS WHICH IMPELLED SENEGALESE WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE RE GUINEAN PRESIDENT SEKOW TOURE'S COMMITMENT. WE CITED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INDICATING THAT GUINEA HAS MADE

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD USSR AND US.

3. WE RAISED RECENT PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING SENEGALESE VISAS FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, AND CITED SPECIFIC CASES. COULBARY RESPONDED HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE SENEGALESE POLICY INVOLVED, UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION, AND SAID HE WOULD BRING THE PROBLEM TO ATTENTION OF GOS. COULBARY WAS SURE THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND GOS POLICY WAS NOT TO CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE U.S.

4. IN RESPONSE TO COULBARY QUERIES, WE OUTLINED OUR VIEW OF CURRENT SITUATIONS IN THE HORN AND IN RHODESIA. COULBARY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER IMPACT ON MODERATE AFRICAN STATES WHEN OTHER AFRICANS SEEK AND OBTAIN SOVIET/CUBAN MILITARY SUPPORT. HOW COULD THE MODERATES STRENGTHEN THEMSELVES AGAINST SUCH SITUATIONS. WE NOTED BEST PROTECTION WOULD BE FOR AFRICAN NATIONS THEMSELVES TO REMOVE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH COULD PROMPT SOVIET/CUBAN MEDDLING.

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5. AT END OF DISCUSSION, COULBARY DELIVERED NOTE VERBALE REQUESTING USG PERMISSION TO INSTALL RADIO TRANSMITTER AT SENEGALESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. VANCE

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